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ABSTRACT

This publication offers some insight into the problem of violence in Canadian schools and provides examples of ways to reduce it. The forms of violent activities examined include youth/youth-gang violence, violence against teachers, bullying, sexual harassment, and sexual assault. Each chapter presents research findings and examples of programs that target these specific forms of violence. The final chapter examines other issues of concern--violence in the media and against women. Finally, common themes related to safe schools are discussed: the benefits of dealing openly with violence-related issues; the power of peer intervention; the need for clearer direction; and the strength of partnerships. Appendices contain a sample violence-in-schools survey and a sample school-district harassment policy. (LMI)

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